

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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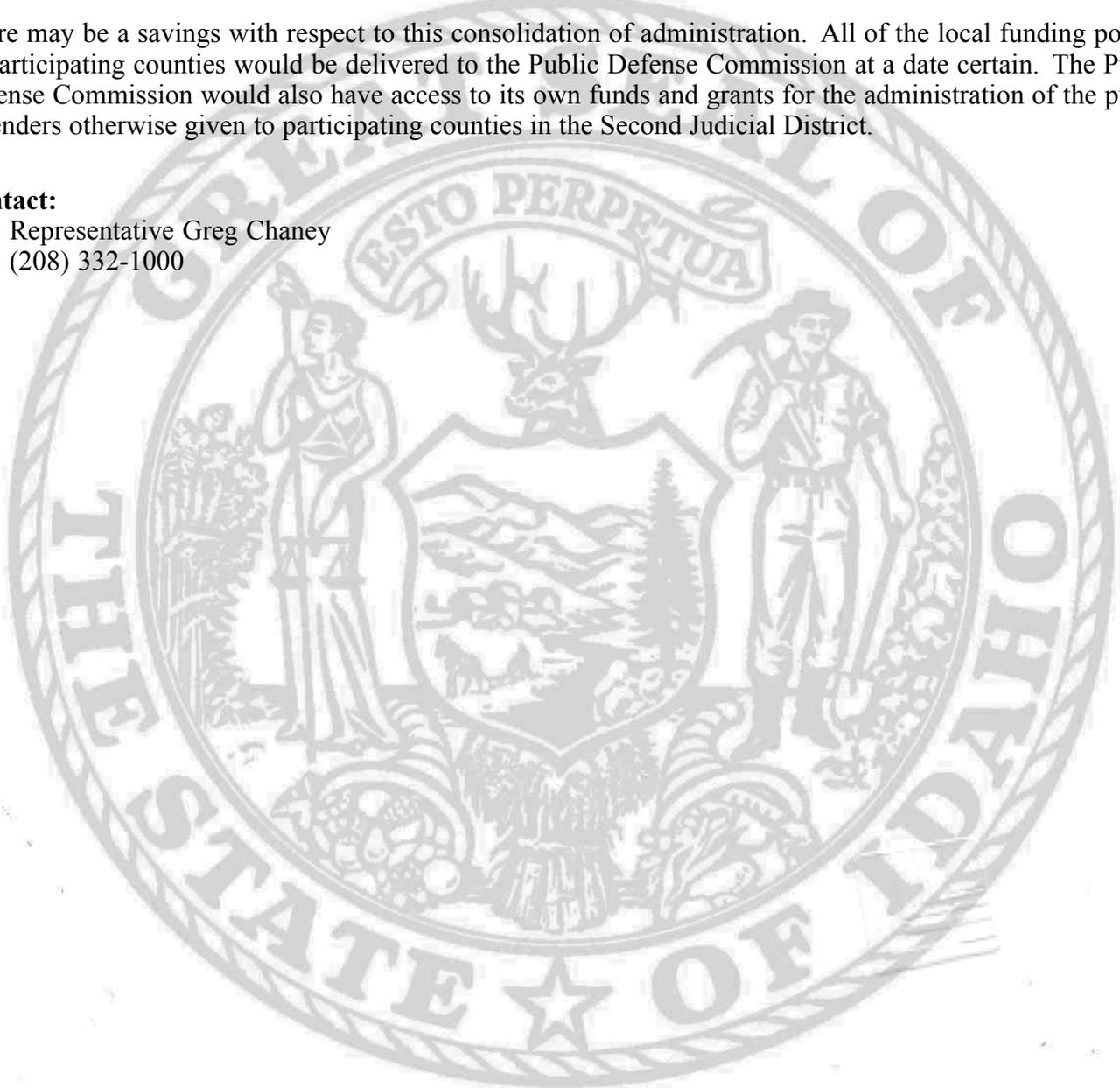
This legislation creates a pilot project which gives the Public Defense Commission the authority and responsibility to administer, supervise and direct public defenders of participating counties in the Second Judicial District in accordance with its indigent defense standards. The pilot project sunsets on October 1, 2025 unless reauthorized before such time.

FISCAL NOTE

There may be a savings with respect to this consolidation of administration. All of the local funding portion of participating counties would be delivered to the Public Defense Commission at a date certain. The Public Defense Commission would also have access to its own funds and grants for the administration of the public defenders otherwise given to participating counties in the Second Judicial District.

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